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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

(1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or

(2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and

the requisite Statement is below, **OR**

- the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein, or
- (3) after the mailing date of a **final action or notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**
- the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
- the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

In addition, Applicants wish to inform the Examiner about the following co-pending patent applications, including the Office actions issued therein:

- 1) 09/706,350, filed on November 3, 2000, by Bredt *et al.*;
- 2) 09/835,292, filed on April 13, 2001, by Bredt *et al.*;
- 3) 10/255,139, filed on September 25, 2002, by Bredt *et al.*;
- 4) 10/650,086, filed on August 26, 2003, by Bredt *et al.*; and
- 5) 10/926,172, filed on August 25, 2004, by Bredt *et al.*

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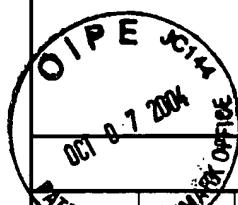
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

INIT.	TRADEMARK	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		A1 2002/0106412	08/08/2002	Rowe <i>et al.</i>			
		A2 2004/0038009	02/26/2004	Leyden <i>et al.</i>			
		A3 2,522,548	09/19/1950	Streicher			
		A4 3,525,632	08/25/1970	Enoch			
		A5 3,821,006	06/28/1974	Schwartz			
		A6 3,926,870	12/16/1975	Keegan <i>et al.</i>			
		A7 3,930,872	01/06/1976	Toeniskoetter <i>et al.</i>			
		A8 4,369,025	01/18/1983	von der Weid			
		A9 4,444,594	04/24/1984	Paddison <i>et al.</i>			
		A10 4,665,492	05/12/1987	Masters			
		A11 4,755,227	07/05/1988	Sherif <i>et al.</i>			
		A12 4,758,278	07/19/1988	Tomic			
		A13 4,863,538	09/05/1989	Deckard			
		A14 4,938,816	07/03/1990	Beaman <i>et al.</i>			
		A15 4,944,817	07/31/1990	Bourell <i>et al.</i>			
		A16 5,017,753	05/21/1991	Deckard			
		A17 5,053,090	10/01/1991	Beaman <i>et al.</i>			
		A18 5,076,869	12/31/1991	Bourell <i>et al.</i>			
		A19 5,132,143	07/21/1992	Deckard			
		A20 5,147,587	09/15/1992	Marcus <i>et al.</i>			
		A21 5,154,762	10/13/1992	Mitra <i>et al.</i>			
		A22 5,155,324	10/13/1992	Deckard <i>et al.</i>			
		A23 5,176,188	01/05/1993	Quinn <i>et al.</i>			
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	A25	5,252,264	10/12/1993	Forderhase <i>et al.</i>			
	A26	5,296,062	03/22/1994	Bourell <i>et al.</i>			
	A27	5,301,415	04/12/1994	Prinz <i>et al.</i>			
	A28	5,316,580	05/31/1994	Deckard			
	A29	5,340,656	08/23/1994	Sachs <i>et al.</i>			
	A30	5,342,919	08/30/1994	Dickens <i>et al.</i>			
	A31	5,352,405	10/04/1994	Beaman <i>et al.</i>			
	A32	5,382,308	01/17/1995	Bourell <i>et al.</i>			
	A33	5,393,613	02/28/1995	MacKay			
	A34	5,429,788	07/04/1995	Ribble <i>et al.</i>			
	A35	5,430,666	07/04/1995	DeAngelis <i>et al.</i>			
	A36	5,433,280	07/18/1995	Smith			
	A37	5,460,758	10/24/1995	Langer <i>et al.</i>			
	A38	5,490,882	02/13/1996	Sachs <i>et al.</i>			
	A39	5,490,962	02/13/1996	Cima <i>et al.</i>			
	A40	5,518,680	05/21/1996	Cima <i>et al.</i>			
	A41	5,527,877	06/18/1996	Dickens <i>et al.</i>			
	A42	5,536,467	07/16/1996	Reichle <i>et al.</i>			
	A43	5,593,531	01/14/1997	Penn			
	A44	5,595,597	01/21/1997	Fogel <i>et al.</i>			
	A45	5,597,589	01/28/1997	Deckard			
	A46	5,616,294	04/01/1997	Deckard			
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	A47	5,622,577	04/22/1997	O'Connor			
	A48	5,632,848	05/27/1997	Richards <i>et al.</i>			
	A49	5,637,175	06/10/1997	Feygin <i>et al.</i>			
	A50	5,639,070	06/17/1997	Deckard			
	A51	5,639,402	06/17/1997	Barlow <i>et al.</i>			
	A52	5,640,667	06/17/1997	Freitag <i>et al.</i>			
	A53	5,648,450	07/15/1997	Dickens <i>et al.</i>			
	A54	5,653,925	08/05/1997	Batchelder			
	A55	5,658,712	08/19/1997	Steinmann <i>et al.</i>			
	A56	5,660,621	08/26/1997	Bredt			
	A57	5,697,043	12/09/1997	Baskaran <i>et al.</i>			
	A58	5,730,925	03/24/1998	Mattes <i>et al.</i>			
	A59	5,733,497	03/31/1998	McAlea <i>et al.</i>			
	A60	5,749,041	05/05/1998	Lakshminarayan <i>et al.</i>			
	A61	5,753,171	05/19/1998	Serbin <i>et al.</i>			
	A62	5,753,274	05/19/1998	Wilkening <i>et al.</i>			
	A63	5,772,947	06/30/1998	Hull <i>et al.</i>			
	A64	5,805,971	09/08/1998	Akedo			
	A65	5,851,465	12/22/1998	Bredt			
	A66	5,870,307	02/09/1999	Hull <i>et al.</i>			
	A67	5,902,441	05/11/1999	Bredt <i>et al.</i>			
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	A69	5,976,339	11/02/1999	André			
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	A71	6,112,109	08/29/2000	D'Urso					
	A72	6,136,088	10/24/2000	Farrington					
	A73	6,147,138	11/14/2000	Höchsmann <i>et al.</i>					
	A74	6,193,922	02/27/2001	Ederer					
	A75	6,299,677	10/09/2001	Johnson <i>et al.</i>					
	A76	6,397,922	06/04/2002	Sachs <i>et al.</i>					
	A77	6,403,002	06/11/2002	van der Geest					
	A78	6,416,850	07/09/2002	Bredt <i>et al.</i>					
	A79	6,423,255	07/23/2002	Hoechsmann <i>et al.</i>					
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	B2	198 53 834	05/31/2000	DE				Y	Y
	B3	0 431 924	06/12/1991	EP				N	Y
	B4	2001-162351	06/19/2001	JP				N	Abstract only
	B5	WO 93/25336	12/23/1993	PCT				N	Y
	B6	WO 95/30503	11/16/1995	PCT				N	Y
	B7	WO 97/26302	07/24/1997	PCT				N	Y
	B8	WO 98/09798	03/12/1998	PCT				N	Y
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	C2 Ederer, "A 3D Print Process for Inexpensive Plastic Parts," Presentation for the Austin Solid Freeform Conference, 1995.	
	C3 German, <u>Powder Injection Molding</u> , (1990), pp. 32-43 and 92-95.	
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